

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Previously presented) A slide fastener, wherein a reinforcement member is bonded to a fastener tape continuously along both outer sides of a fastener chain with a thermal welding resin film attached to the fastener tape continuously in a longitudinal direction thereof;

wherein the reinforcement member contains a concave mounting groove at least partially defined between an upper piece and a lower piece of the reinforcement member, and wherein the concave mounting groove is capable of receiving an attachment object;

wherein a concave groove for guiding a sewing thread is provided in a surface of the upper piece, and wherein a rear face of the lower piece forms a bonding face to the fastener tape; and

wherein the upper piece of the reinforcement member extends higher than a surface of the fastener elements attached to a center of the fastener chain.

Claim 2 (Canceled)

Claim 3 (Canceled)

Claim 4 (Original) A slide fastener according to claim 1, wherein the rear face of the reinforcement member is a flat bonding face.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of a slide fastener including the steps of:

molding a reinforcement member continuously; and
disposing a thermal welding resin film between the reinforcement member maintained at a high temperature and a fastener tape, said thermal welding resin film having a lower melting point, and bonding the reinforcement member with the fastener tape by melting and solidification of the thermal welding resin film.

Claim 7 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of the slide fastener according to claim 6, further including a step of attaching the thermal welding resin film to a surface of the fastener tape.

Claim 8 (Withdrawn) A manufacturing method of the slide fastener according to claim 7, wherein the thermal welding resin film has a separation film provided on the surface thereof, said manufacturing method further including a step of peeling off the separation film after water-repellent treatment is performed to the fastener tape.